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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY
 THE NEW YORK TIMES

JOHN HERBERS COVERS YOUR NEWS CONFERENCE YESTERDAY AND SAYS THAT IT SEEMED TO THREATEN WHAT IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE ONE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE JOURNEY -- TO DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION'S SCANDALS. (A-1)

JOHN CREWSON SAYS THAT, ACCORDING TO A SUMMARY OF AN INQUIRY MADE LAST YEAR BY THE F.B.I., SOME OF THE "ORIGINAL REQUESTS" FOR WIRETAPS PLACED ON 17 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN CAME FROM YOU OR GENERAL HAIG. THE SUMMARY, COVERED IN TODAY'S TIMES, WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FULL TEXT. (A-1)

PRESIDENT NIXON'S DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR KREISKY WERE SAID TO HAVE COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS. RON ZIEGLER SAID EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND EUROPEAN MATTERS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. (A-1) HEDRICK SMITH COVERS AN ELECTION SPEECH BY SOVIET POLITBURO MEMBER KIRILENKO, INDICATING THAT MOSCOW AND WASHINGTON HAD PUT SUMMIT MEETINGS ON A REGULAR BASIS. KIRILENKO SOUGHT TO PAINT A PICTURE

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OF STABILITY IN SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS. (A-3)
 CRAIG WHITNEY INDICATES THAT YOU HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT SOME ASPECTS OF THE EUROPEAN DECISION TO BEGIN A DIALOG WITH 20 ARAB COUNTRIES, BUT SAYS THAT YOU "WELCOMED A CHANGE IN SPIRIT AND ATTITUDE." (A-3)
 A FULL TEXT OF YOUR NEWS CONFERENCE IN SALZBERG APPEARS ON PAGE 34. BERNARD GWERTZMAN GIVES A CHRONOLOGICAL BACKGROUND OF EVENTS THAT HAVE LED TO THE PRESENT SITUATION DEALING WITH WIRETAPS. AFTER EACH SUMMATION, GWERTZMAN ADDS SOME QUESTIONS THAT HE FEELS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED. (A-35)
 JAMES RESTON ENTITLES HIS COLUMN "TAKE IT EASY, HENRY." RESTON INITIALLY ASSERTS: "HENRY KISSINGER'S THREAT TO RESIGN IS THE SILLIEST THING HE HAS DONE SINCE HE CAME TO GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT REALLY TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY." RESTON SAYS THAT THIS WAS THE WRONG ISSUE AT THE WRONG TIME AND IN THE WRONG PLACE, BUT IT ILLUSTRATES THE PARADOX IN YOU. SOMEWHERE IN THIS ATMOSPHERE OF SUSPICION SOMEBODY "INITIATED" THE WIRETAPPING AND YOU, RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY, WENT ALONG, BELIEVING THAT IF YOU DID NOT, YOU YOURSELF WOULD BE ACCUSED OF THE LEAKS. CONCLUSIVELY, RESTON SAYS: "HE PLACED HIMSELF ALONG WITH THE PRESIDENT AS A VICTIM OF AN IRRESPONSIBLE PRESS, AND THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT HE HAS ALWAYS TRIED TO AVOID."
 THE WASHINGTON POST
 YOUR PICTURE IS CENTERED ON THE FRONT PAGE. CARROLL KILPATRICK WRITES THE HEADLINE STORY ON YOUR NEWS CONFERENCE, DESCRIBED AS ONE OF THE ANGRIST, MOST EMOTION-PACKED ONES EVER HELD. YOU WERE SAID TO HAVE CAREFULLY PLANNED WHAT YOU SAID, BUT NO ONE DOUBTED THAT YOUR ANGER WAS DEEP AND HEART-FELT. IT WAS PLAIN YOU WOULD NOT HAVE REACTED SO VIGOROUSLY BUT FOR THE EFFECT OF WATERGATE ON AMERICAN OPINION. (A-1)
 WILLIAM CHAPMAN REPORTS THAT THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATION COMMITTEE AGREED YESTERDAY TO REVIEW YOUR ROLE IN THE FBI WIRETAPPING OF 17 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND NEWSMEN. MOST COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND SEVERAL OTHER CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR YOU AND URGED YOU NOT TO RESIGN. THE COMMITTEE SET NO DATE TO REVIEW THE CASE BUT REMAINS AT ODDS WITH THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OVER FBI DOCUMENTS WHICH MIGHT SHED SOME LIGHT ON YOUR TESTIMONY'S ACCURACY. (A-1)
 MARILYN BERGER SAYS THAT, IN THE 72 HOURS BEFORE LEAVING ON THE TRIP, YOU SOUGHT SOLACE AND SUPPORT FROM AIDES, FRIENDS, AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS, TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO SHORE UP YOUR PERSONAL INTEGRITY AGAINST WIRETAP INITIATION CHARGES. THE TEXT IS INCLUDED IN TOHAK 43.
 YOU ARE PICTURED LEAVING THE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH GENERAL HAIG AND RON ZIEGLER ON PAGE A-20.
 LAURENCE STERN SAYS THAT CONTRADICTIONS MARK YOUR RECORD ON TAPS.

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THE TEXT IS INCLUDED IN TOHAK 43.
 THE TEXT OF YOUR NEWS CONFERENCE APPEARS ON PAGE A-16.
 JIM HOAGLAND COVERS THE WARM WELCOME BEING PREPARED FOR THE PRESIDENT IN EGYPT. HOAGLAND NOTES THAT SADAT IN 1971 JAILED HIS CHIEF RIVAL FOR BUGGING HIS OFFICE. (A-22)
 WILLIAM MACKAYE REPORTS THE SOVIET UNION HAS SHUT OFF THE TELEPHONE OF VIRTUALLY EVERY JEWISH ACTIVIST IN THE USSR, APPARENTLY TO THWART ANY EFFORT TO DRAMATIZE THEIR CAMPAIGN FOR FREEDOM TO EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL DURING THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT. (A-23)
 CARROLL KILPATRICK COVERS THE PRESIDENT'S AND YOUR MEETINGS WITH AUSTRIAN LEADERS YESTERDAY. (A-24)
 CLAIRE STERLING SAYS THE CRISIS IN ITALY IS REAL THIS TIME AND A FIRM AND PURPOSEFUL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS IS UNLIKELY. (A-25)
 DUSKO DODER REPORTS THE GREEK PRESS HAS CONSTRUED YOUR REMARKS ON GREECE AT THE FOREIGN AID HEARINGS AS ENDORSEMENT OF THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. (A-25)
 THE LEAD EDITORIAL SAYS YOUR PRESS CONFERENCE WAS A PERFORMANCE BEFITTING A 19TH CENTURY AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BUT NOT A 20TH CENTURY SECRETARY OF STATE. THE WAY TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEM IS FOR THOSE INVOLVED -- PRINCIPALLY THE PRESIDENT, YOU, AND GENERAL HAIG -- TO CLARIFY THE FACTS OF THE MATTER ONCE AND FOR ALL. (A-28)
 THE FULL TEXT IS BEING SENT AS TOHAK 48.
 TAD SZULC SAYS PEKING'S PERCEPTIONS OF THE LONG-RANGE SOVIET STRATEGIC THREAT ARE SHIFTING AWAY FROM THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER TO SOUTH ASIA AND THE PERSIAN GULF. CHOU'S OPINIONS ON THIS WERE CONVEYED TO YOU BY PAKISTANI FOREIGN MINISTER AZIZ AHMED IN MAY. THERE IS THUS A COMMON INTEREST BETWEEN CHINA AND THE U.S. TO CURTAIL SOVIET INFLUENCE IN THOSE AREAS. (A-28)
 HERBLOCK'S CARTOON PICTURES YOUR CONFERENCE AS A STORM WITH THE RESIGNATION THREAT A BOLT OF LIGHTNING, AND BOTH PARTLY OBSCURING THE SUN WHICH IS LABELED "MIDDLE EAST PROGRESS."
 JOSEPH ALSOP SAYS THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE BEGINNING TO ACCRUE FROM OIL MONEY IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL SYSTEM ARE GOING TO BE OVERWHELMING SOON. THE ONE HOPE FOR A SOLUTION -- AND IT IS A SLENDER ONE -- LIES IN THE TOTAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE MIDEASTERN SCENE BY YOUR DIPLOMACY. BUT THE NEW GAME OF HUNT THE SECRETARY HAS BEEN ADDED TO HUNT THE PRESIDENT. YOU CAN ARGUE, IN FACT, THAT WASHINGTON WATERGATING WHILE THE TEMPEST APPROACHES IS WORSE THAN NERO FIDDLING WHILE ROME BURNED. (A-29)
 THE BALTIMORE SUN
 PETER KUMPA WRITES THE LEAD STORY ON YOUR THREAT TO QUIT IF YOUR NAME IS NOT CLEARED. (A-1)
 MICHAEL PARKS REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT, ACCORDING TO ANDREI KIRILENKO, A CLOSE AIDE TO BREZHNEV, HAS IMPLIED THAT THE PRESIDENT IS NO LONGER REGARDED AS THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IN SOVIET-

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U.S. DETENTE THAT HE WAS A YEAR AGO. KIRILENKO SAID THAT BECAUSE OF WATERGATE, MOSCOW NOW ATTACHES PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO BROADENING SOVIET-AMERICAN CONTACTS BEYOND THE SUMMIT-LEVEL MEETINGS. (A-1)

GENE DISHI COVERS YOUR REMARKS ON THE EUROPEAN SITUATION FOLLOWING YOUR JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER ON PAGE A-2.

THE LEAD SUN EDITORIAL SAYS THAT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RESIGN, JUST CLEAR THE RECORD OF YOUR ROLE IN THE TAPS. IF YOU FEEL YOUR HONOR HAS BEEN IMPUGNED, YOU HAVE LARGELY YOURSELF TO BLAME -- AND AN OVERLY PROTECTIVE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. THE SUN CALLS YOUR DECISION TO MAKE THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN AUSTRIA IRRESPONSIBLE, AND WELCOMES YOUR REQUEST TO REOPEN SENATE HEARINGS. THE PAPER ASKS THAT YOU REMAIN IN OFFICE. OVER THE LONG RUN, YOUR ACTION WILL NOT ENHANCE YOUR REPUTATION OR INCREASE EFFECTIVENESS IN CONDUCTING FOREIGN POLICY. (A-19)

ANOTHER EDITORIAL SAYS THAT SO FAR, THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE HAVE NOT PLAYED ANY ROLE IN THE MIDEAST SETTLEMENTS; HOWEVER, THE MAIN QUESTION IS WHAT GROUP OF PALESTINIANS SHOULD BE PRESENT. BEFORE A TRUE PEACE CAN COME TO THE AREA, THERE MUST BE A CLIMATE OF RISING TRUST. IF THOSE NATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GUERRILLA GROUPS WANT PEACE, THEIR OBLIGATION IS TO PREVENT FURTHER TERRORISM. (A-18)

MARQUIS CHILDS WRITES THAT THE SQUALID BATHWATER OF WATERGATE FINALLY MAY DROWN EVERYTHING GOOD AND BAD. IF THAT HAPPENS, THE LOSS MAY BE IRREPAIRABLE AND THE OPENING TO A PEACEFUL UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN EAST AND WEST CLOSED FOR A LONG TIME TO COME. THE TRUST THAT YOU INSPIRED IN YOUR SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY WAS AN IMPORTANT INGREDIENT IN YOUR SUCCESS. SHOULD THAT TRUST BE DESTROYED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WE SHALL BE THE POORER. (A-19)

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